

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, August 25, 2020)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor (Via WebEx)
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

1. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Chesapeake Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of August 18, 2020, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

2. PROCLAMATION

Proclamations were present for:
A. National Suicide Prevention Month
B. Women's Equality Day

3. RECOGNITION

A. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Employee Recognition Awards

Present: Catherine Pratson, Director

The following individuals were recipients of the "People's Choice" awards for going above and beyond the call of duty and exceeding expectations while working to support the mission of St. Mary's County Government.

Tamara Hildebrand - Alcohol Beverage Board
Diane Gleissner, Brandy McKelvey - County Attorney's Office
Katherine Stormont, Sue Veith - Department of Economic Development
Kiersten Shea, Joy Wilson - Department of Emergency Services
Sonya Staats - Department of Finance
Tracie McPherson - Department of Human Resources
Rocky Binger, Linda McConnell - Department of Information Technology
Sheila Smith, Amber Thompson - Department of Land Use and Growth Management
June Smith, Kelly Crosby, Brandon Reynolds, Charlie Jo Beck, Danette Barrow - Office of the Sheriff
George Young-Bey, Joyce Ford, Joseph "Leroy" Russell - Department of Public Works and Transportation
Jessica Hale, Cherie Nelson - Department of Recreation and Parks
Amanda Kreuter - Treasurer's Office

The following individuals were recognized for years of service to St. Mary's County Government.

10 Years

Stephanie Welch - Department of Emergency Services
Larry Miedzinski - Department of Emergency Services
Edward Gardiner (Gerald) - Department of Emergency Services
Jacqueline Green - Department of Information Technology
Jake Owens - Department of Land Use and Growth Management
Jason Smith - Office of the Sheriff
Justin Anderson - Office of the Sheriff
Steven Kerby - Office of the Sheriff
William C. Buckler - Office of the Sheriff
Cory Ellis - Office of the Sheriff
Christiana King - Office of the Sheriff
Randall Molitor - Office of the Sheriff
Blaine Gaskill - Office of the Sheriff
Sherry Harrison - Office of the Sheriff
Jacob Jones - Office of the Sheriff
Joshua Krum - Office of the Sheriff

15 Years

Rebecca George (Becky) - Department of Public Works and Transportation
Jeffrey Reed - Department of Public Works and Transportation
Robert Raley (Keith) - Department of Public Works and Transportation
Angelique Clem (Angel) - Department of Emergency Services
Darlene Stalcup - Department of Recreation and Parks
Timothy White - Office of the Sheriff
Anthony Whipkey - Office of the Sheriff
Shaun Carberry - Office of the Sheriff
Nino Palermo - Office of the Sheriff

Shawn Moses - Office of the Sheriff
Margaret Baroniak - Office of the Sheriff
Angela Delozier - Office of the Sheriff

20 Years

Linda Grove - Circuit Court
Wanda Lathroum (Jackie) (Retired) - County Administrator
John Lyon (Ronnie) (Retired) - Department of Public Works and Transportation
John Gray - Department of Public Works and Transportation
Zane Rettstaff - Department of Public Works and Transportation
John Bowman - Department of Public Works and Transportation
Scott Raley - Department of Emergency Services
Thomas Vancleaf (Tom) - Department of Information Technology
Sheila Smith - Department of Land Use and Growth Management
Christina Barbour - Department of Recreation and Parks
Barbara Rivera - States Attorney Office
Patrick Handy - Office of the Sheriff
William Ray - Office of the Sheriff
Thomas Hedderich - Office of the Sheriff
Clayton Safford - Office of the Sheriff
Robert Merritt - Office of the Sheriff

25 Years

Joseph Buckler (Joey) - Department of Public Works and Transportation
Francis Bowles - Department of Public Works and Transportation
Sue Veith - Department of Economic Development
Dennis Wolcott - Department of Emergency Services
Harry Knight - Department of Land Use and Growth Management
Steven Hall - Office of the Sheriff
Cara Grumbles (Retired) - Office of the Sheriff
Andrew Holton - Office of the Sheriff
Dorothy Quade (Leann) - Office of the Sheriff

30 Years

Donna Sweeney - Circuit Court
Cynthia Brown - Department of Aging and Human Services
Joseph B. Abell - Department of Public Works and Transportation
George Spalding (Roy) - Department of Public Works and Transportation
Lucy St. Clair - Department of Finance
Robert E. Oliver - Department of Recreation and Parks
Terry Cutchember - States Attorney Office
Mary Ann Thompson - Office of the Sheriff
Crystal Hayden - Office of the Sheriff
Cynthia Dyson (Cindy) - Treasurers Office

35 Years

William B Buckler (Willie) - Department of Public Works and Transportation

James Gass (Steve) - Department of Public Works and Transportation

Glenn Norris - Department of Public Works and Transportation

Wayne Herbert - Department of Public Works and Transportation

John Hewitt - Department of Public Works and Transportation

Kenneth Sothoron (Kenny) - Department of Recreation and Parks

Michael Merican - Office of the Sheriff

40 Years

Deborah Zylak (Debbie) - Office of the Sheriff

4. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Decision - Illicit Discharge, Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Ordinance

Vote Postponed

B. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Request a Public Hearing - Proposed Ordinance to Repeal and Reenact §§ 50.4.48 and 51.3.48 of Chapter 285 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland to allow a convenience store as a "Permitted" use in the Rural Service Center (RSC) zone.

Motion 1: I make a motion to table this amendment and not to have a public hearing on it.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor

Motion Failed

Motion 2: I move that the Department of Land Use and Growth Management be authorized to schedule a morning public hearing for public comment to Repeal and Reenact §§ 50.4.48 and 51.3.48 of Chapter 285 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland to allow a convenience store as a "permitted" use in the Rural Service Center (RSC) zone.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Nay: Commissioner O'Connor

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR SEPTEMBER 1 AND 15, 2020.

B. STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - Maryland Department of Human Services - Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement US2111

I move to approve the FY2021 Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement, Project US2111, from the Maryland Department of Human Services on behalf of the State's Attorney's Office, Child Support Division in the amount of \$769,736 and approve the Budget Amendment increasing the Grant Budget by \$16,244 in accordance with the agreement and authorize the Commissioner President to execute all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

C. BOARD OF EDUCATION - FY2020 and FY2021 Various Grants Categorical Budget Adjustment

I move to approve the FY2020 and FY2021 Restricted Fund budget increase for the grants and the FY2021 Unrestricted Funds categorical budget adjustment for the assignment of fund balance; and further authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

D. ST. MARY'S COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY - Semi-Annual Briefing

Present: Michael Blackwell, Library Director

A virtual tour of the Leonardtown Library was presented. Topics discussed were: St. Mary's Access to Research & Technology (SMART Card), SimpleE the Library E-Reader App, COVID Operations, and plans for the upcoming year.

E. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Temporary Events Focusing on Commercial Weddings on Farms

I move to authorize the Department of Land Use and Growth Management to draft an amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance regarding temporary events as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

F. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - 2020 Procurement Manual Update

I move to approve the Resolution to Repeal and Replace Chapter 178 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland by adopting the 2020 procurement manual.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

G. HUMAN RESOURCES - Expenditure Exemption Requests

I move to approve the FY2021 expenditure exemption requests as recommended by the County Administrator.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

H. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Program Open Space Grant Applications - Lancaster Park Playground and Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan - FY2021

I move to approve the Program Open Space Development & Capital Renewal Application and Project Agreement for Lancaster Park Playground replacement, project RP2103, in the amount of \$350,000; and the Program Open Space Planning Grant Application and Project Agreement in the amount of \$25,000 for the development of the 2022 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

I. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Position Reclassification and Department Reorganization

I move to approve the request to merge DPW&T Airport Operations into the DPW&T Transportation Division. The merger includes reclassifying the Airport Manager position and eliminating the Transportation Manager position to create a Deputy Director – Transportation incorporating all the previous duties of the Airport Manager and the Transportation Manager.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

J. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Budget Amendment to reduce Patuxent Park Neighborhood and increase spending Authority for the Intergovernmental Support Agreement between Naval Air Station Patuxent River and St. Mary's County, Maryland

I move to approve the Budget Amendments to the FIN21 Reserve to increase spending authority for the Intergovernmental Support Agreement between Naval Air Station Patuxent River and St. Mary's County, Maryland from \$306,392 to \$1,000,000 with the stipulation that the contract would be modified accordingly and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

K. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Maryland DNR Waterway Improvement Grant Acceptance - St. Jerome's Creek Jetties MA-1101

I move to approve the acceptance of the MD DNR Waterway Improvement Grant in the amount of \$136,350 and the related budget amendment that includes increasing grant funding by \$136,350 and reducing County funding and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

L. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Non-Public School Bus Transportation Plan

I move to approve DPW&T to distribute the attached documents to non-public schools, bus contractors and parents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events over the past week and provided general comments.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:50 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on September 1, 2020.

JB

Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator